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WILLIAMS COLLEGE DINERS GO A-RAIDING.

Gov. Prouty and Prexy Buckham Led Away to Speak Two Amherst Men Talk-Features of an Evening That Was Novel, Especially as to "Dixle."

In the first place, they didn't give an imitation rebel yell when the band played "Dixie." But that wasn't the only thing that made the Williams dinner at Delmonico's last night different from the ordinary dinner. Among the features that served notice was the dignified way the nearly 300 alumni had of commemorating the foundation of the college in ng, as follows:

Here's to the health of Eph Williams Who founded the school of Billville.

And when he was scalped by the Injuns

He left us his money by will Col. Ephraim Williams, said the alumnus the sang loudest, founded the college. he rest of the Colonel's history was ged up in the assertion that "he was citted at the battle of Lake George, when ever that was.

Then to just show what it could do lliams marched on the Vermont dinner the floor below and stole away Vernt's president, Dr. Buckham, and Gov. Prouty of Vermont. As if this wasn't

mont's president, Dr. Buckham, and Gov. Prouty of Vermont. As if this wasn't enough, the dinner committee displayed as captives at the speakers' table the Rev. Nehemiah Boynton and Dwight W. Morrow of Amherst. It was also whispered that the cigars were smuggled. President Buckham of Vermont answered the command of his captor, Toestmaster J. Addison Young, with a speech in which he said that he loved and respected Williams so well that he was mighty glad that college wasn't situated in Vermont. Gov. Prouty talked about the big men who have come from little colleges.

President Garfield of Williams told the alumni something of what he was trying to accomplish in bringing about a closer relationship between the undergradustes. Then he turned to the ideals of the modern college and of Williams in particular in regard to schelarship. He said that it must be conceded that every man who goes to college does not have in him the material from which scholars are made and that although it is the business of the college to effer opportunity to such as are able to achieve scholarship it was also the duty of the college to train men for the everyday pursuits of the outside world.

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iams was men of promise for whose education the dollars could be used.

Dr. Franklin Carter, a former president of Williams, made a plea for the valedictorian. He said the modern elective system gave the students the chance to seek the "line of least resistance," and that to parody the hymn they were inclined to "crown whim lord of all."

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He said there was a feeling that it was a bad thing to be a valedictorian, but that it was easy to see somebody had to that it was easy to see somebody had to be head of the class and the world shouldn't be too hard on the unfortunate.

Personally, he said, he had a sneaking fondness for valed ctorians. Four out of eight of Williams's presidents had had that distinction. He d dn't know for sure about one of the others because he went to Amherst and died shortly after having that experience.

that experience.
Dr. Carter closed with an appeal for less Dr. Carter closed with an appeal for less intercollegiate sport and more intermural, saying that athletics will not achieve their true end until every man in college plays at the games instead of a small minority. Some of those who cheered for Williams were Francis Lynde, Stetson, F. B. Jennings, Dr. Hamilton W. Mable, Eugene Delano, the Rev. William M. Grosvenor, E. G. Benedict, William T. Booth, C. S. Holt, Charles Bulkley Hubbell, L. C. Mygatt, the Rev. William W. Clark, George S. Terry, the Rev. John S. Zelie, Bushnelt Danforth, Alfred Pate, George L. Hubbell, Dr. Vanderposl Adviance, J. Oggood Nichols, Charles C. Nott, Jr., W. B. Hotohkiss, John S. Sheppard, Jr., Clark Williams, Alvan E. Kerr, W. E. Hoyt, H. G. Sanford, T. B. Johnson, R. E. T. Riggs and George F. Hurd.

"Why, we thought he was a Chinaman," and thev, "And one always has to shout at a Chin man."

"It's strange," said the woman bridge enthus sat, "how things simply talk themselves out of one's mouth that one would never say on second thought. I was getting up a bridge party the other day and needed one more player. I was wondering whom to ask, when the phone party thet she was giving on the same day as mine. Why how funny, 'said I without thinking.' I was just going to sak you to do the same thing but I didn't think I knew you well enough."

An inspector in one of the city departments met one day recently a friend who

Bullders Meet in the Blacksmith Shop

On the eye of the boat show which opens to-day in Madison Square Garden of the big and some of the small boat builders, members of the National Association of Boat and Engine Builders had the experience of the beefthe Castle Caves in Seventh avenue last ng, and so put themselves in happy readiness for the opening of the

The showmen say it is the greatest show the association has ever had. There are one hundred and fifty exhibits and the management has disposed of 20 per cent, more space than the show has ever rented before. There is no longer room for a sportsmen's show on the side. Last year the highest priced motor boat exhib-ited was sold right from the Garden for ited was sold right from the Garden for \$10,000, and this year the builder of that boat has had the temerity to show a boat coating more yet, and he expects to sell it because he has put still more thought and work into it.

exhibits motor boats ranging all the way speakers said at the dinner last evening clerk who knows fall about the lautoobjies that he cannot buy, may own for imself a motor boat which shall make very summer day a holiday, not to say vacation.

he makers estimate that there are more, inasmuch as the motor boats not only offer as much in the way of entertainment, sport and usefulness, but cost less than the automobiles in the first instance and cost almost nothing to operate.

PLEA FOR THE CLASSICS. President Buckham of Vermont Wants

Colleges to Teach Them. The eighteenth annual dinner of the New York Alumni Association of the University of Vermont was held at Delmonico's last night. These Green Mountaineers are a tuneful lot, and between each speech's triple quartet got around the the picno and sang college glees. About graduates attended. Dr. Samuel

Metthew H. Buckham, '51, president of the university and the only surviving member of his class, spoke for a strictly elessical knowledge, emphasizing the need of ϵ knowledge of Greek as a requisite for an A. B. diploma in all institutions of

"Let us give our young men an educa-tion which will cultivate them for the sake of their characters, and not merely for the sake of the material products they can turn out," he said. "Moreover, I can turn out," he said. "Moreover, le contend that each university should have

Gov. Prouty of Vermont told how glad he was to be there, and the Rev. Dr. E. C. Bass told of the financial needs of the university. Dean Henry C. Tinkham spoke ing for two weeks was taken this after-

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

What to do with superfluous presents has always been an interesting question after Christmas, engagement parties and weddings. The trick of saving those that are useless and giving them to friends when the occasion arises has its dangerous points.

On the East Side of the town in an in of the Last Side of the town in an in-significant back room a man is doing a rushing business buying up useless wedding gifts. He reads the papers care-fully every day. A list of marriages is made and the man sends a letter to the bride. It reads something like this:

DEAR MADAME: You have probably received a number of gifts that you have no use for. If you will send me a line I shall be glad to call and look them over. I pay the highest prices Sometimes the bride is deeply insulted,

but usually the dealer gets a reply. He, in turn, sells his stock to East Side folks at a very handsome profit.

One vehicle that caught the eve in the myriad of automobiles and fine carriages to be seen in Fifth avenue was a top buggy, and when this buggy came nearer it made you, here in the city, think of the country, for you saw then that its body was half filled with straw. Still this was not a country buggy, quite the contrary; it was one used by a city employee whose work keeps him moving about the town all day and who had put that straw in it to keep his feet warm. But this straw in the bottom of a city vehicle didn't seem so strange when you came to think about it for it isn't so very many vears ago it, for it isn't so very many years ago that straw was used for the same purpose in unheated city horse cars.

In the old days when the business of being a policeman did not entail as many discomforts as it does to-day, captains were at a loss to find out how their patrolmen grafted petty sums from pushcart pedlers. It was known that the men got money, but though some of them were watched for days it never could be learned watched for days it never could be learned just how the money was passed. The method was charmingly simple. The officer would slowly drift along a line of pushcarts, and the pedlers, three or four of them a morning, would throw him an apple apiece. Grafting apples didn't seem to the watchers a heinous enough offence to bring a cop up on charges, so they would neglect to follow him to a doorway and watch him cut the apples into small pieces and then pocket a handinto small pieces and then pocket a handful of silver. The money, in quarters or halves, was just stuffed into the apple.

Lest Thursday a Russian living in a fit above this shop died. The next day his widow brought us her wedding ring and a piece of fine silky black crape to cover it with. She thought we could make a nester job of it then she could. She expects to keep the ring in mourning for six months. She says it is the custom in her home town in Russis for widows to cover their wedding rings with black. I cover their wedding rings with black. I don't believe it will ever become popular

Prof. Hirth, who occupies the chair of Chinese at Columbia University, is a Germen by birth. Two women visited him the other day and during the entire call spoke with painful enunciation of every word and at the tops of their voices. When they had left their escort, who had awaited them in another room, asked why they had deemed it necessary to screen at the professor.

"Why, we thought he was a Chinaman," sid they. "And one always has to shout

An inspector in one of the city departments met one day recently a friend who with the reminiscent chuckle. MOTOR BOAT MAKERS DINE. invited him to take a drink. They adjourned to a neighboring café and while waiting to be served the inspector drew s smell article from his pocket and shook it vigorously. Explaining, he said, "this new city government is keeping carefu tabs on what every employee does. We inspectors have to show how many miles we have walked each day and have to carry pedometers. Now mine is not working while I'm standing here with you and I have to make up a few leps." He kept up the shaking as long as the two were talking and when he started off he replaced the pedometer in his pocket.

PORK HIGHER THAN TURKEY. Pig Tenderioins 35 Cents a Pound High-

CHICAGO, Feb. 18. - The rise in the price of hogs continued to-day, \$8.471/2 being the high mark. Speculators are holding on to their stock in the expectancy of

renewed Eastern demand. The situation in Chicago now depends on the action of the speculators. They white Plains by mail and publication. and the packers are engaged in a war of prices, speculators holding out for a rise and packers trying to make purchases at present prices. As a result

Packers continue to assert that \$10 hogs cannot be more than three days off. There was very little shipping demand on the market to-day. Demand for local consumption also showed a falling off. Inquiry at a number of retail meat shops Inquiry at a number of retail meat shops brought replies somewhat like the following: "Pork has not been so high for forty years. It costs more than most other kinds of meat, but comparatively few people buy it. Formerly it was considered the cheapest meat and people of modest means used it a good deal. Now that they can get beef and lamb and veal just as cheap they prefer these to pork apparently. We don't sell a third as much as we used to."

"What is the most expensive cut of pork?"

Pork tenderloin. It sells at 35 cents a pound. There is only one kind of meat that costs more—rib lamb chops, which sell for about a shilling aplece, or 50 cents "What are the various cuts of pork

worth now Well, you have pork tenderloin. Bacon is 28 cents and ham is 28; roast pork is 15; shoulder is 14; pork chops are 16 and pickled pigs feet are 10. You used to be able to get pork tenderloin at two pounds for 25 cents."

"How do the best cuts of other meats

range?"
"Porterhouse steak is 28 cents a poundjust the same as ham and bacon; roast beef is 20 cents; sirloin steak runs from 18 to 22 cents. You can get a leg of lamb at 18 to 18 cents. Veal outlets are [28 cents and veal chops 20. Chickens are 20, duck 21 and turkeys 30. Here's a striking point: You used to get spare ribs for 5 cents a pound. Now you pay 12½ cents."

a distinctive character; therefore let us have no more talk of standardization and consequent loss of individuality of our American institutions." SAY THE PACKERS COMPETE. Missouri Inquiry Brings No Evidence of our American institutions."

versity. Dean Henry C. Tinkham spoke of the progress of the medical department and Julius M. Mayer, former Attorogy-General; John H. Converse and Daniel L. Cady also spoke.

The Williams alumni were feasting in an adjoining room, so several of the Vermonters went out and ushered in President Harry A. Garfield of Williams, and be greeted the adherents of the sister college, whereupon President Buckham went over to the Williams banquet and returned the compliment.

STORY TELLING, ALL KINDS

Y. M. C. A.'S CLASS IN ORATORY TURNS TO HUMOR.

A Preceding Course in the Art of Laughter Helped Them Properly to Appreclate the Story-Scarcely a Friendly and Familiar Anecdote is Missing.

He was only a small man, but a loud resounding roar that reached him when he was half way up the stairs made him to turn and flee what appeared to be the wrath to come already on its way. It wa'n't no use telling him that the noise was only Grenville Kleiser running to form. He just departed.

Some others were bolder. They went right up the stairs in the West Side branch of the Y. M. C. A. and entered the crotund room from which the crotund sounds proceeded. Mr. Kleiser was elocuting something from John Shakespeare or William Milton as an overture to a session of the Public Speaking Club. He finished breathing easily and then the men and boys present, nearly a hundred of 'em, arose and in unison showed him how it ought to have been done

"Now," said Mr. Kleiser, "we're going to devote this evening to humorous stories. I want you to come up on the platform, a few at a time, and each relate some humorous anecdote. That will be an excellent test of your several abilities as public speakers.

There was a rush for the platform, where even men got chairs.

But before the story telling began Prof. Kleiser instructed hs audience how to laugh. "M-m-m-m-m," the professor said. "M-m-m-m-m-m-m," responded the

"Huh-huh-huh. "Huh-huh-huh."

"He-he-he-he," added the professor "He-he-he-he," the class assented.

"Ho-ho-ho-ho," roared the professor, shaking another reef out of his abdomen. It was hard on the fat men present, so Mr. Kleiser with a sad, anticipatory air sat down to listen to the first humorous story. A short, meek looking man told it.

"A friend of mine," said he, "went up to the top of a twenty-six story building because he was tired of it all. He jumped out of a window, but by the time he had fallen to the level of the seventh story he was out of breath."

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The speaker went back as far as the platform permitted and sat down.
"M-m-m-m" prompted Prof. Kleiser
"M-m-m-m, huh-huh-huh, he-he-he, ho-ho-ho-ho," replied the audience with quick perception.

A fat man wining his forches.

A fat man wiping his forehead rose in the back of the room.

"What happened then?" he asked anxiously. But Prof. Kleiser had already

beckoned the next speaker.

"This is a story you have probably all enjoyed," he explained and related number one of the thirty-seven varieties classified by Mr. Mark Twain. The applause was spontaneous and combustible. Another person sitting in the front row stood with the stood was stood with the stood with the stood was stood was stood was stood with the stood was st

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"Professor," he pleaded, "I rise to a point of order. I would suggest that we appoint some impartial outsider to obtain and judicially to administer the hook."

The professor did not deign to reply, but from his pursed lips and contracted brow it seemed plain he considered this levity out of place.

In rapid succession they told all the old, familiar ones, especially that one about the Irishman. Once in a while a daring youth came forward with something really chic, such as the Chauncey thing really chic, such as the Chauncey Depew family, genus post-prandial, order rural politician or the Job Hedges sub-

era, apecies that reminds me. All three methods of telling it were ably illustrated, the first method, where you preserve a selemn countenance and apear to wonder at your audience's laughter, being most affected. Occasionally the careless, offhand way of negration was

MRS. FIELD'S ESTATE.

Members of Royal House of Italy Defendants in Friendly Suit.

WHITE PLAINS, Feb. 18. -William Jay, as trustee under the will of Mary Elizabeth Beadhurst Field, who left several million dollars, has entered a friendly suit to have the legatees under the will of Mrs. Field. These include a number of the members of the royal house of Italy, one of the daughters of the Field household having

married Prince Darsoli.
The defendants it clude Prince and Princess Dersoli and this children, all of whom are designated by the titles of Prince and Princess, and members of the Jay. Schieffelin. Putnam. Robinson and Field families of Connecticut. The property held by Mr. Jay as trustee is valued at more than \$1,250,000.

Father of Twenty-eight Children.

AMITYVILLE. L. I., Feb. 18.—Oscar Darling, a consulting engineer residing here, is receiving congratulations to-day on the twenty-eighth visit of the stork to his home. The present Mrs. Darling is his second wife, and the child that was been last night is her thirteenth. The is his second wife, and the child that was born last night is her thirteenth. The first Mrs. Darling bore her husband fifteen children, ten of whom are living. The present Mrs. Darling was Miss Grace Hamilton of Flushing. She was married in 1887. Mr. Darling is 65 years old and his wife is 43.

OBITUARY.

The body of John Wendling, a private of the Ordnance Department, was laid to rest yesterday afternoon in Cypress Hills Military Cemetery, Wendling died of pneumonia in the fort hospital, Fort pneumonia, resket, covered with Old at rest yesterday afternoon in Cypress Hills Military Cemetery. Wendling died of pneumonia in the fort hospital, Fort Hancock. The casket, covered with Old Glory and flowers from the ordnance detachment, Ninety-fifth and Forty-eighth Coast Artillery garrison; was taken to the Sandy Hook wharf in the morning escorted by the comrades of the ordnance detachment, led by the port band. Chaplain Headley read the funeral service and the band rendered the hymn "Nearer, My God to Thee." The body-was carried on board the Government steamer Gen. Meigs, which took it to Pier 12, East River. A detachment of ordnance men went to the cemetery as an escort. John Wendling was born in Germany fifty-three years ago and came to this country as a boy. The old soldier saw twenty-eight years service for Uncle Sam. He served in nearly every branch of the army and had seen service on the frontier, in Cuba, the Philippines and in the Boxer war in China. He was married some years ago. He was to be retired in two years, and he looked forward to spending his later years with Mrs. Wendling in California, where other retired men of the Ordnance Department are settled.

Seth Barton French, a member of the New York Stook Exchange, died on Thurs. Seth Barton French, a member of the New York Stock Exchange, died on Thursday at the Royal Poinciana Hotel, Palm Beach, Fla., after a long illness. Mr. and Mrs. French went to Palm Beach early in the year in the hope of improving Mr. French's health, and for a time his condition showed some betterment. Mr. French was admitted to the Stock Exchange April 28. in the year in the hope of improving Mr. French's health, and for a time bis condition showed some betterment .Mr. French was admitted to the Stock Exchange April 28, 1881. He was identified with the brokerage firm of Van Emburgh & Atterbury at 1 Nassau street. Four years ago he retired from active business. Mrs. French was Miss Mary Walker Fearn, daughter of the former United States Minister to Rumania and Greece. Miss Nannie French, daughter by an earlier marriage, is Mrs. Charles Steele. Mr. French was a member of the Metropolitan, New York Yacht, Riding, Racquet and Tennis, Midday and Tuxedo clubs, and of the Metropolitan Club of Washington. He was a member of the New York Zoological Society and was interested in the American Museum of Natural History. His New York residence was at 15 West Fifty-first street. He had a country place, Barton Lodge, at Hot Springs, Va.

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EAST SIDE SUFFRAGE BALL

MEN WERE THERE, BUT THEIR NAMES DON'T FIGURE.

Executive Committee Ordered Them Not Printed-Leaders in Yellow Gowns, but the Allurements of Other Colors Were Not Neglected In Costumes.

It would be hard to say just who was the belle of the second annual ball of the East Side Equal Rights League last night at the Stuyvesant Casino on Second

Maude Malone and Esther Melinsky and Pauline Lush, and several other devotees of the Cause had yellow satin frocks made especially for the occasion. and every one said that nothing could be prettier or more suitable.

Celia Lutowitz remarked, however, that she thought white was much more modest for a young girl and anyway yellow asn't becoming to blondes, so she hadn't bothered to get anything new, but had

wasn't becoming to blondes, so she hadn't bothered to get anything new, but had just worn her white lingerie. She didn't have to sit out a single dance, in fact she had pready led the next speaker. She asked anx-But Prof. Kleiser had already ed the next speaker. Shi is a story you have probably oyed," he explained and related rone of the thirty-seven varieties ed by Mr. Mark Twain. The apwas spontaneous and combustible, are person sitting in the front row person sitting in the front row person sitting in the front row lesson. The pleaded, "I rise to a of order. I would suggest that point some impartial outsider to and judicially to administer ok." professor did not deign to reply, om his pursed lips and contracted to seemed plain he considered this out of place. A stout man, observed the firshman. Once in a while a youth came forward with some-really chic, such as the Chauncey family, genus post-prandial, order family, genus post-prandial, order politician or the Job Hedges subtered, the first method, where you we a solemn countenance and appears of follow the fashion and wear as the found of the fashion and wear as the front, was the only one who began are reminiscent chuckle.

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Dora Rosenfels said she had meant to get a new yellow, but that her steady was so strong for pink that she didn't like to disappoint him, and Ida Lush admitted that a young man told her that red was the only one had the professional that a young man told her that the disappoint him, and Ida Lush admitted that a young man told her that the disappoint him, and Ida Lush admitted that a young man told her that the disappoint him, and Ida Lush admitted that a young man told her that the weakened right at the bargain counter. There's something

scornfully that that would simply be a charged with shoplifting from a Broadway faraway imitation of a leap year dance the idea was abandoned.

of black liberty satin, silver gauze and white duchesse lace, with an upper east side décolletage, excited much admiration. Mme. Powell said sarcastically that it was too bad the members of the Mozart Club couldn't be there to see that not a single lady guest was wearing a shirtwais.

shirtwaist.

After the last dance every man present volunteered to sign the suffrage petition that is to go to Congress in April, and then the excutive committee with a few chosen swains adjourned to a restaurant where they are supper at a table decorated with vellow tulips

FINN CHARGES GO OVER. Excise Commission Agrees to Delay Because of Magistrate's Iliness.

Many friends and neighbors of City Magistrate Daniel E. Finn crowded into the court room of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday morning with the expectation that the charges brought against him by the State Excise Commission asking for his removal on the ground of his attitude toward excise cases were to be argued. Frederick W Stelle, counsel for the commission, said hat the imperchment proceedings had been brought by Excise Commissioner Clement on 132 excise cases in the las year which Magistrate Finn threw out although it was alleged that there was sufficient evidence to hold for trial.

He said he had been unable to serve he papers, returnable yesterday, on the Magistrate or to get into his house to

Magistrate or to get into his house to learn of his condition.

James C. Church, retained by Magistrate Finn's friends to appear for him, said: "City Magistrate Finn is in a very critical condition and is on leave of absence from his official duties by permission of the Board of City Magistrates. He is so ill that it is impossible for him to see any member of his family. His physician deemed it unwise to tell Magistrate Finn of these proceedings at this time."

Mr. Church then submitted the affidavit of Dr. Edward K. Ross, Magistrate Finn's physician, who said great danger to the Magistrate's life would result from serving him at this time in such proceedings.

Justice Clarke suggested that action on the charges be stayed for the present and counsel for the Excise Commission agreed to it. Mr. Church said that Magistrate Finn would come into court voluntarily and defend himself as soon as he was able.

Daniel E. Finn, Jr., said last night that his father was feeling rather better than for the last few days.

HUNG BETWEEN THE TIES. Workman's Desperate Attempt to Escape

Train Proves Unavailing. Harry Melhage, 18 years old, of 532 East Eighty-eighth street, an employe of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, Interborough fell from the elevated tracks of the Lenox fell from the elevated tracks of the Lenox avenue subway at Intervale avenue to the street fifty feet below yesterday afternoon breaking both his legs and several other bones in his body. He is in the Lebanon Hospital in a serious condition. Melhage was painting a part of the iron structure when a train came along. In order to save himself Melhage slipped down between the tracks and clung to a tis. Some of the other workmen got to

HONOR FOR DEAN WRIGHT.

Yale Men to Erect a New Dormitory and Name It for Him.

A committee of Yale alumni from various parts of the country met at the University Club last night and adopted plans for the erection of a new addition to their alma mater to commemorate the long services of Dean Wright, who retired last June. The meeting was the result of discussions that were held at New Haven last June. The retirement of Dean Wright induced several of the alumni to talk about doing something in recognition of his long services and a ommittee was appointed to consider the matter.

The members of the committee that were present last night were Otto T. Bannard, Samuel R. Betts, Dr. S. W. Cornelius Vanderbilt,

Lambert, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Louis C. Day, Dr. W. B. Coley, I. Gordon Brown, S. Reading Bertron, Noah H. Swayne 2d, Robert W. Carle, W. D. Simmons of St. Louis and William Kent of Chicago.

Mr. Vanderbilt is treasurer of the committee and Mr. Day is secretary. President Hadley of Yale, Secretary Anson Phelps Stokes and George Parmeley Day, treasurer of the faculty, were present at the meeting. The committee had proposed to add a dormitory to the university as a fitting testimonial to Dean Wright. It was thought that one costing \$250,000 would be proper. Plans for such a dormitory were submitted by eight architects last night. Most of the architects were Yale graduates. The meeting decided upon the plans offered by Belano & Aldrich of this city.

These plans provide for a four stery sandstone building of Gothic architecture to be erected at Elm and High streets, on the site of the old Alumni Hall. The new structure will complete the quadrangle.

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The impressive feature of this me morial is that the \$250,000 is to be raise morial is that the \$250,000 is to be raised by popular subscription among Yale men and Yale admirers. It was said that a few members of the committee were at one time willing to defray the whole cost, but it was pointed out that this would spoil the spirit of the memorial and that all old Eli men should have an opportunity of contributing.

ARREST FREED HER.

Release From Fellow Prisoner's Domina tion Halled by Woman.

elderly women were arraigned the Jefferson Market court yesterday department store. They gave the names Mine. Alma Webster Powell came when arrested of Rose Clark, 47 years all the way over from Brooklyn just old, of Sayville, L. I., and Annie Miller, to sing for the league, and her costume 59 years old, no address, both widows. when arrested of Rose Clark, 47 years In court Mrs. Clark changed the name she gave to that of Jones and Mrs. Miller gave the name of Zimmerman. They were charged with taking goods valued at \$7.48, which, according to the affidavit were taken by Mrs. (lark and passed t Mrs. Miller, who put them in a satchel.

When they were taken into the office of the manager of the store Mrs. Miller said "Thank God, it is all over! I knew it would end soon!" The police had an idea she was glad to be released from a sort of domination. When asked for her-name the told the detectives to ask Mrs. Clark of domination. When asked for her name she told the detectives to ask Mrs. Clark. If Mrs. Clark wished to tell, all right; but Mrs. Miller said that if she told any-thing without Mrs. Clark's permission she would be punished and be unhappy all her days.

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Mrs. Clark told the complaint clerk in court that Mrs. Miller could not write, and Mrs. Miller did not sign her name until later, when she was brought out alone and wrote the name Zimmerman in German script. Mrs. Clark was the more concerned when before the Magistrate. Mrs. Miller did not seem to care.

"I was with her." she said. "I will be "I was with her," she said. "I will be

Magistrate Herrman held them each in \$500 bail for examination. Mrs. Clark said she would try to reach some of her friends to give bail for her in the night

EXCAVATORS PAY DEMANDS Sent to Employers With a Threat of a Strike on April 1.

A letter containing the demands of the Rockmen and Excavators Union on behalf of the excavators, to go into effect on April 1 and to be enforced by a strike of 25,000 men if they are refused, was sent yesterday to all the employers. The letter said: "We believe that the few slight in-

creases in wages and the changes governing overtime work should be granted to us at this time. There is no granted to us at this time. There is no city of any size in this country where the excavators do not receive more money than in the city of New York, and when we consider that the cost of living is much higher here than in any other section of the country you will readily understand why this slight increase in wages is asked.

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The increase in wages demanded averages about 15 per cent.

The Rockmen's and Excavators' Union sent a letter to the Central Federated Union, which was read at the meeting of the latter last evening, calling attention to the demands made by the excavators. The letter said that these other uniona had expressed their readiness to assist the excavators in case they have to strike: Local No. 506 of the International Brother-hood of Teamsters, House Shorers and Movers Union, Pavers Union, Pipe Calkers and Tappers Union and the Rock Drillers Union.

The C. F. U. in order to make sure that the demands were received instructed the secretary to send a copy of the demands and statement accompanying them in a registered letter to the secretary of the Contractors Protective Association, composed of contractors who undertake excavations for buildings.

Southern Society's Dixie Dinner.

The Southern Society's Dixie dinner will be held in the Hotel Astor on next down between the tracks and clung to a tie. Some of the other workmen got to the street to stretch a canvas for him to drop into.

They were too late. The vibration of the train loosened his grip and he fell headlong into the street.

will be neld in the Hotel Astor on next Tuesday evening. Ladies will attend and there will be dancing after the banquet. The speeches, which will be short and informal, will be made by William G. McAdoo, who will preside F. Hopkinson Smith, Judge Charles F. Moore and John Temple Graves. "Important Forthcoming Art Events"



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SCOUTS MARS CANAL STORY. Prof. Brashear Thinks Astronomer Lowell

Has an Amazing Imagination. PITTSBURG, Feb. 18. John A. Brashear, the Pittsburg astronomer, puts no cre dence in the announcement of Prof. Percival Lowell of the Flagstaff (Ariz.) observatory, that he has discovered a new canal on Mars, which has produced vegetation that has changed the appear-

ance of the planet. "That Prof. Lowell is gifted with an amazing imagination is given fresh procf by his latest story," said Mr. Brashear.
"Lowell is really a good observer. - When tarts out to find a thing he is going from Indianapolis. to find it or bust, if I may be permitted the term. This is well understood among astronomers, and his frequent thrilling

announcements are not taken seriously. "Think of it! Prof. Lowell's assertion assumes that within a year or so the Mar-tians have complet d a new canal. To be seen at all from the earth, through any telescope now in existence, that canal would have to be at least ten miles wide, and of course, to be of any use it would have to be of considerable length. Imagine what men and what machinery would be required to produce such a prodigious and impossible ditch.

and impossible ditch.

"Lowell is a man of much wealth and can afford to play with astronomy, but it is indeed unfortunate that he should bring the noble and inspiring science into diarepute by such proclamations as he gives to the public from time to time. It is unfortunate because Lowell has a great observer. advertised himself as a great observer and the unknowing public swallows his tales. Prof. Lowell is greatly to be regretted."

TO PROBE COST OF LIVING. First Meeting of the Senate Committee

No Hearings to Be Held.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.-The first meeting of the select committee of the Senate to investigate the cost of living was held this afternoon. Senator Lodge presided. It was decided that no hearings will be held unless something now unforeseen should require it. The committee will look to the departments in Washington and to the United States Consul abroad for information on which to formulate a report as to the cause of the increase for information on which to formulate a report as to the cause of the increase of prices. Orders were issued to-day for calls to be made upon the Consuls of the United States in Austria-Hungary. France, Germany, Great Britain, Japan, Aygentine Republic and Mexico for information as to the prevaling prices of commodities in those countries. After this information has been secured the departments in Washington will be called on for information as to the prices in the United States on like commodities. It is expected that the investigation will not be long drawn out.

The committee will call on the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce Commission for reports to assist the members in the work before them. Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture and Secretary Nagel of Commerce and Labor will be invited to make suggestions as to the scope of the inquiry.

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